

22 May 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Knoche

SUBJECT: Funding for the COINS Network Switch

25X1 1. [] the COINS Project Manager, has requested that I reopen with you the question of CIA participation in the funding of the COINS network switch maintained by DIA. As you will recall [] informed the COINS Project Manager on 14 May that CIA did not wish to participate in the funding of this switch.

25X1 2. The basis for reopening this question is that beginning in FY 1972 NSA is making arrangements to pay for all COINS costs exterior to the individual agency computer. This would include communications costs and the costs for any specialized equipment such as IMPS which may be required in any ultimate COINS configuration. NSA has not programmed sufficient funds in FY 1971 to cover the cost of the DIA switch and DIA programmed funds for the switch on the assumption that network users would help in defraying these costs.

3. No decision has been made and no decision can be made in the near future concerning the ultimate configuration under which COINS should operate. It is obvious now, based on experience to date, that the COINS switch must either be upgraded or eliminated and the majority opinion at the moment appears to be in favor of eliminating the switch, if possible. In the interim, however, the switch is essential to the continued operation of COINS.

4. I would appreciate anything you can do to reopen this subject. I understand and am sympathetic with the internal CIA problems involved, but I am hopeful that the NSA decision to program for future network costs beginning in FY 1972 will provide you with an additional factor for reconsideration of your decision.

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